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## hand

hand

hand [ hand ]

noun (plural hands)

## Definition:

1. **end of human arm:** the part of the human arm below the wrist, consisting of a thumb, four fingers, and a palm and capable of holding and manipulating things

2. **animal part corresponding to human hand:** the part of an animal's limb that corresponds to a human hand in shape or function

3. **pointer on clock:** a pointer on a clock, watch, dial, or gauge

4. **player's cards:** the cards dealt to a player in a card game

- *a losing hand*

5. **round in card game:** a round in a card game

- *played one last hand of bridge*

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**6. card player:** somebody who plays a card game

**7. part in doing something:** a share in the performance of an action

- *Who else had a hand in this?*

**8. help:** help to do something

- *Give me a hand.*

**9. offer of agreement:** a sign of agreement or acceptance, especially of an offer of marriage

- *Here's my hand on it.*

**10. side:** side or direction

- *surrounded by enemies at every hand*

**11. clap:** a round of applause

- *a big hand for our next contestant*

**12. possession or power:** the possession, power, responsibility, or care of somebody ( *usually used in the plural* )

- *Your future is in your own hands.*

**13. degree of closeness to source:** a degree of closeness to actual involvement in something being talked about

- *I heard about it third hand.*

**14. member of ship's crew:** a member of the crew of a vessel

- *Attention, all hands!*

**15. somebody doing or making something:** a maker or doer of something, especially to a particular level of competence or experience

- *I'm an old hand at this.*

**16. worker:** a worker, especially one doing manual or farm work

- *a ranch hand*

**17. handwriting:** somebody's handwriting

- *an admirably clear hand*

**18. skill:** ability or skill

- *She has a good hand for gardening.*

**19. approach or method:** a distinctive way of doing something

- *This drawing is executed with the hand of a master.*



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**20. U.S. TEXTILES fabric texture:** the feel of a textile, used to determine its quality.  
*Canadian term* handle

**21. SHOW JUMPING measure of horse's height:** a measure of the height of a horse, equal to 10.2 cm (4 in)

verb (*past and past participle* hand-ed, *present participle* hand-ing, *3rd person present singular* hands)

**Definition:**

**1. transitive verb pass something by hand:** to pass something to somebody by hand

- *She handed me a glass.*

**2. transitive verb lead somebody by hand:** to help or lead somebody by the hand

- *She handed her aunt into the taxi.*

**3. transitive and intransitive verb SAILING furl:** to furl a sail

[ Old English < Germanic]

**all hands on deck**

1. used as a call or signal for all members of a ship's crew to assemble on deck, e.g. in an emergency

2. used to indicate that help is required from everybody available

- *When the truck arrives, we'll need all hands on deck.*

**at hand**

1. nearby
2. about to happen

**by hand** not using a machine

**change hands** to pass to a different owner

**force somebody's hand** to pressure somebody to do something against his or her will or earlier than planned

**(from) hand to mouth** with barely enough to live on for your daily needs

**hand in glove** in cooperation with somebody, usually for some secret or illegal purpose

**hand in hand**

1. in close cooperation
2. inseparably closely
3. holding hands

**hand over fist** in large quantities or amounts

- *losing money hand over fist*

**hold somebody's hand** to provide reassurance, guidance, and support to somebody

**in hand**

1. under control
2. remaining or unused

**not turn a hand** to make no attempt to help somebody

**off somebody's hands** no longer somebody's responsibility or problem

**on hand** near and available

**on the one hand...on the other hand...** used to present two conflicting aspects of a situation

- *On the one hand we have plenty of time, but on the other hand our resources are limited.*

**out of hand**

1. out of control
  - *The situation's getting out of hand.*
2. immediately and without consideration or explanation
  - *My suggestions were dismissed out of hand.*

**out of somebody's hands** unable to be influenced by somebody

**overplay your hand** to make overconfident

use of an advantage and fail as a result

**put your hand up to**

1. to volunteer to do something

• *If you want to get into this type of work, put your hand up to do unpaid work experience.*

2. to acknowledge or accept something

• *You have an ethical and professional obligation to put your hand up to this problem.*

**show or tip your hand to reveal your plans or intentions**

**take somebody or something in hand to begin to bring somebody or something under control**

**throw in your hand**

1. to admit defeat in a card game by laying your cards down

2. to admit or accept defeat

**to hand close by**

**try your hand at something to make an attempt at something, usually for the first time**

**turn your hand to something to do something for the first time and be competent at it**

**wait on somebody hand and foot to attend to somebody's every need, often with bad grace**

**wash your hands of somebody or something to refuse to continue being responsible for somebody or something**

#### Regional History

Referring to a farm worker, the term hand is most commonly found in the South Midland territory, from Kentucky to Texas, and the Lower South. The terms *cowhand*, *farm hand*, and *field hand* respectively characterize Western, Northern, and Southern dialects. The general-currency words are *hired hand* and *hired man*, which recur throughout the country but are most common in the

North.

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